(b) what are the criteria for issuing such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Presumably the reference is to the issue of free Complimentary Card Passes. A List of Persons/Organisations to whom these Card Passes were issued during 1984, 1985 and 1986, is attached [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 35]

(b) Each case is considered based on the broad guidelines prepared in this regard.

Airports without Telephone Facility

917. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airports in the country which do not have a telephone connection; and

(b) by when these airports are likely to be equipped with telephone facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 16 airports do not, at present, have telephone connections. These airports are Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Gorakhpur, Cooch-Bihar, Zero, Passighat, Jorhat, Daparizo, Along, Tezu, Rupsi, Kamalpur, Ratnagiri, Surat, Nanded and Aizwal.

(b) Out of 16 airports listed above, sanction has been accorded to the provision of telephone connection at 8 airports viz. Aizwal, Cooch-Behar, Ratnagiri, Jorhat, Rupsi, Tezu, Daparizo and Kamalpur airports, which will have telepohnes as soon as the Department of Tele-Communication is able to extend the Exchange line from city to the airport. The Department of Tele-Communication has been requested to examine the feasibility of providing telephones at the remaining 8 airports viz. Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Gorakhpur, Zero, Passighat, Along, Surat and Nanded. Telephones will be provided at these airports as soon as that Department is able to provide connection.

Delay in District Pattern Delivery System in RMS

918. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the new District Pattern Delivery System in the RMS is causing delay in the delivery of articles; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive the old "All Up Scheme" in the RMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no delay to mails in the new district pattern system.

(b) "All Up Scheme" is different from district pattern system. Under "All Up Scheme" all first class mails (Postcards inland letters, letters, money orders etc.) are given air transmission without air-surcharge wherever advantageous. This method of giving air transmission to all first class mails is being followed and wherever advantageous expanded to cover new towns and cities, which are on the Vayudoot map also in addition to Indian Airlines Corporation.

Multi Drug Treatment for Leprosy Patients in the Country

919. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.D.T. (Multi Drug Therapy) mode of treatment for leprosy patients is being made available in all the leprosy prone districts in the country, if so, the number of such districts in the country State-wise;

(b) if not, by when these districts will be covered by M.D.T.; and

(c) what is the financial assistance provided to various states by the Centre for M.D.T.?